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BEING EARNESTLY requested by a verye freende of mine, to set downe the certentye of such exploites, as were lately done: I haue thought good so to doe, for two principall causes, the one that I see manye tales goe, and men are desirous to kno the truth. Secondly for that I vnderstand my countrey men shewed themselues such Lampes of light in that Skirmish, that worthilye I am forced to make it knowen, to such as are welwillers to our Countrey.

The fyrste daye of this present month being Lammas day, a daye

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which the Spaniards haue in great honour, they determined to doo some great exployte (against the States of the low Country) that they might be remembred, which is theyr common order, they sent two of their common souldiours out of Louen, in bare and symple apparrell too view the Princes Campe, which laye within fowre myles of them at a Towne called Leyre, that they might burne all the Houses that were neere the Princes Campe, to the ende that they there by might bee occupyed about the slaying of the fyre, and that then they might sodaynly set vppon them beinge vnprouided, which practise beyng vnderstood by taking of the sayde two Souldiours according to theyr examination was preuented and prouided for.

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The number of the Spaniardes that issued out of Louen, was 4000. Horsmen and 7000. Footmen, of which number Mountdargon was chiefe, although it is certainly knowne that Don Ioan and the Prince of Perma was there, They were recountred by our English men, Skots and Frenchmen, our Englyshe men being on the vautgard woone great fame. Monser de Bossew was Generall of the fyelde for the States whole Armye. The Battayle was betwixt Louin and Leyre, the Skermish was hote and great and continued long: begining at .ix. a clock in the morning, & continued til .iiii. a clocke of the same daye, wherein the States had the better, and in the end put them to flight, and followed them in Chase three english myle, and by the way as the Spaniardes should haue passed, there

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was a bridge, whiche they muſt paſſe ouer, for that they had no other way to goo, which bridge by the Princes meanes & the ſtates, was plucked down and layd in the ryuer: wherupon the States following them in Chaſe, they were forced to leap in and ſwim throw, horſemen and foote men, and ſome were drowned, and ſome were ſlayne by theyr enemies and our freendes. Yet for all this haſt did the Spaniardes cary away with them an number of dead corſes, ſome in wagimnes, and ſome they drawed after them in ropes, to the intente theyr enemyes ſhould not ſee howe they had ſpoiled thē: yet as neere as they could gather and learne, there was .500. of thē ſlaine that day at the leaſt beſyds them that were drowned. And of the States Company betwixt .80. and a .100. the moſt were of

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Englishmen and Skots. In this Battaile there was one Captaine Marcom a Nottinghamshire man gaue the Onset, and fought valiantly against his enemies, hauing woone great cõmendacions therfore as by diuers letters appeare that haue bene sent into England from the States in his commendations.

M. Norris my Lorde Norrisses Sonne, who was Coronall of our Englishmen, fought that day valiantlye against the enemy, hauing three Horses slaine vnder him that daye, and after valiantlye pursued the Chase with his sworde & target. O valiant wightes of Brittaine blood, whome strangers rightlye terme, a second Hercules, a second Hector, nay a second Sampson. For sure in some of theyr letters, this discription the States haue made of them for theyr valy-

encie . There was in this fyght three of the Binghams Captaynes, whereof two of them were slaine in that fyght, the best of them is yet liuing and valiantlye playd his pagent in this fyghte , there was slaine also one Captaine Legens an Irish man , and one Captaine Edwards a Welch man at the same tyme : No other Captaines were hurt at that tyme , thankes be to God . As they followed the Chase , there was found a wagen of the Spaniardes , wherein were .37. dead courses found. There was a Spanish Captaine ouertaken in the Chase by an Englishe man , I could not learne eyther of theyr names, where they fought a long time together , hand to hand: and the Englishman fought so valiantly , that hee made the Spaniard to retyre and put him in great danger : so that he feared himselfe

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wherevpon hee tooke his Rapyer, and pickt it at him, and slewe him. An other English man a simple fellowe whiche was counted but a strageler comming after, and saw the cowardly part of the Spanyarde immediatlye with his swoorde thrust him throw the backe, and so they were both slayne, and so hee got the spoyle of them both which did much aduantage and profit him for he was but poore, as afore time it did appeare.

There is among the Princes Campe a valiaunt Captaine called Monsor Mouraunte who is a Captaine ouer two hundred light horsmen, whiche for his worthynesse is by Duke Mathyas made a Knight, and yet it is not long synce that hee was a Butcher by Occupation, and hee lyued long on that trade, but nowe yee may see how

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it hath pleased God to rayse hym, so that hee is become one of the valyauntest Captaines amongst the Dutchmen, all men are in great admiration of his excellencie in counsell, his prowesse in warre, and comperable to any man.

You maye perswade your selfe my deare and welbeloued that all the States power are verye well victuled and monyed, and our Englishe Captaynes haue valiaunt hartes, and thus according vnto my bounden duety I haue sente you that whiche I knowe to bee most true: I praye you imparte these newes vnto all our Countrey men, that they maye knowe our desyre and in your prayers commend vs vnto almighty God.

By yours to com-
maunde. W. C.

¶ A PRAYER VNTO *almighty God, to defende* vs in theſe daungerous dayes.

DEfende and preſerue by thy mighty protection (O Lord) this little Ile of England: Saue by thy diuine power thy handmaide, our noble Queene Elizabeth, repreſſe the rage of all rebels: make thy trueth to be known throughout the whole world, make that myghty Nabogodonozor, to ſtoupe with the tyng of thy glorious Goſpell, that he maye once knowe the right waye to ſerue thee: We beſeech thee deare father, to ſtrengthen our Iudeth, that ſhee with the ſword of thy worde, maye ſtricke downe that proude Holifernus, whoſe intent is to ouerthrowe thy

thy house: Saue by thy mercyfull prouidence our brethrē, which haue taken sword in hand, for the defence of thy Gospell, confounde O Lorde those that go about to aduance that strumpet of Roome, the maintainer of al Heresies. Thou seest deare father the strife of our neighbours beyonde the Seas, who onely seeke safely to do worshippe to thy holye name: let thy Arme bee seene thys time to helpe them, that the other may know, what it is to offend such a mighty God, as thou art, O Lord whose power is omnipotent, whose mercy is euerlasting, to thee we appeale, to thee we cry for mercy, deare father bend down thy fauorable eyes vpon vs, to the glory of thy holy name.

Amen.

CERTAYNE NEWES OF THE *whole diſcription, ayde,* and helpe of the Chriſtian Princes and Nobles, the vvhich for the comfort and deliueraunce of the poore Chriſtians in the low Countries, are gathered togēther, and are novve vvith their armies in the fielde.

Drawen and Copied out of a letter, ſent vnto vs out of the ſame Campe.

¶ Apocal. 18. ver. 5.

For, her ſinnes are gone vp to heauen, and God hath remembred her vvickedneſſe.
Revvard her euen as ſhe revvarded you, and geue her double according to her vvorkes.
And poure in double to her, in the ſame Cup, vvhich ſhe filled vnto you.

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